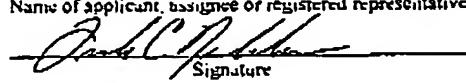


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Dear Sir:

This is a response to a Final Office Action dated June 16, 2003. The Applicants respond as follows: